

**FINAL: CAG Minutes for June Meeting**  
**6/9/04**

Meeting of the Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group,  
Robin Plance Chair  
800 NE Oregon Ave., 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Minutes taken by Dorothy Shoemaker

**Present at meeting:**

**Neighborhood Associations:**

Robin Plance	(b) (6)	St. Johns Chair, Administrative committee coordinator
Peter Laughingwolf	(b) (6)	Cathedral Park
Cathy Crawford	(b) (6)	University Park

**Business:**

Steve Gunther	(b) (6)	Progressive Products and Services
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**Environment:**

Dorothy Shoemaker	(b) (6)	Sierra Club Evaluation committee coordinator, Board Secretary
Rhett Lawrence	<a href="mailto:rhett@ospirg.org">rhett@ospirg.org</a>	OSPIRG

**Health:**

Jane Haley-Harris	<a href="mailto:jane@oregon-health.org">jane@oregon-health.org</a>	OCEH
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**Recreation:**

Bill Barrett	(b) (6)	Waterfront Org. of Oregon
Raquel Coyote	(b) (6)	Citizen

**At-Large**

Jim Robison	(b) (6)	Citizen
Jackie Calder	(b) (6)	Citizen
Bill McCauley	no email, (b) (6)	Citizen

**Excused absences:**

**Neighborhood Associations:**

Larry Talbert	(b) (6)	Hi Noon
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**Environment:**

Joe Keating	(b) (6)	Education and Outreach coordinator
Travis Williams	<a href="mailto:travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org">travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org</a>	Willamette Riverkeeper

**Resigned:**

**Business:**

Rob DeGraff

(b) (6)

Business

**Others present:**

Tom Chisolm

Citizen and notetaker

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Dick Pedersen

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Kevin Parrett

DEQ

? others?

Robin Place called the meeting to order at 6:00. The next meeting is July 14, 2004, same time and place. We had good attendance, with 12 members present.

Rob de Graff resigned, due to no longer being involved with business in his professional work. He'll be working for ODOT, planning a bridge.

Larry Talbert is healthy again, according to Robin, and we hope to see him soon.

Several people reported listserv problems: Jackie Calder, Peter Laughingwolf, Cathy Crawford, Steve Gunther, and Dorothy Shoemaker. The matter is referred to Travis.

We reviewed the May CAG minutes. The May minutes were taken by Tom Chisolm. Steve requested a wording change: "One idea is..." Also, Barbara Smith was present at the May meeting.

MOTION to accept the May minutes as amended. Rhett moved/ Jackie seconded. 12-0.

Joe Rojs-Burke at The Oregonian covers environmental issues, according to Judy Smith. Raquel will put CAG meetings on the community calendar at the paper, and contact Rojs-Burke.

Dorothy will email Fenix the CAG minutes for 2004. Steve requested that she also put a link on the [portlandharborcag.org](http://portlandharborcag.org) site.

#### Evaluation Committee

Jane Haley-Harris took notes at the May 28, 2004 meeting of the Evaluation Committee. They are attached, with minor edits added from Dorothy Shoemaker's notes of that meeting.

MOTION: Accept evaluation committee notes for the CAG record, with Dorothy's added question. All agreed. Dorothy moved/ Peter seconded.

Jim Anderson of the DEQ reported that beach sampling in Round 1 targets shorebird areas. Round 2 beach sampling will be soon. Data from Round 1 will be available soon. It won't be on the Web, but Jim will have it. Round 1 data will be used for the Human Health Assessment. Eco-risk sampling is soon.

Jane said that she would like to see the results of the data from sturgeon. Dave Stone will email Dorothy the fish data on sturgeon.

#### DHS Fish Advisory

There is a new DHS fish advisory, against pregnant and nursing women eating fish from the Portland Harbor. See Dave Stone for details. There will be a public meeting June 29, and other community outreach.

Dave Stone reported that the DHS will post signs soon, in English, Spanish, Russian, Laotian, Chinese, and Vietnamese. DHS contracts with AT&T so if someone calls, they have a translator for each language.

Steve commented that the CAG could adopt as a goal, the removal of the warning signs at the end of the cleanup.

Jane offered Dave help with ethnic outreach. The OCEH has given advice to ethnic communities nearby about eating the fish, in the past.

#### Incorporation

Raquel brought papers to complete to register the CAG as a non-profit, or incorporate. Robin will pay the fee.

Our fiduciary agent is still Willamette-Riverkeeper, although Oregon Wildlife Federation remains a possible umbrella.

MOTION: CAG to incorporate. Steve moved/Cathy seconded. 9 agreed, 3 abstentions

#### Various

Several people took goals to explore at the last meeting. Nobody had done anything in the last month, toward exploring goals. Robin will email the list of goals again.

The Human Health Risk Assessment discussion is moved to July's CAG meeting.

Steve Gunther wants the CAG evaluation committee to study products for the Willamette cleanup.

TMDL and stormwater issues have been bumped from the CAG agenda, but should be covered soon. OCEH is suing Kinder Morgan over soda ash dumping. We discussed NPDES permits.

#### McCormick & Baxter Site Update

Kevin Parrett of the DEQ reported on the site he manages. The DEQ has been working on the site since the late 1980s. Superfund listing in 1994 led to EPA involvement. See the Fact Sheet. They are currently bailing out creosote from the barrier wall built recently. Soil from Johnson Creek didn't work out due to scheduling. DEQ found soil. The total cost will be slightly over \$30 million.

See <http://www.deq.state.or.us/nwr/mccormick.htm>

Concrete blocks are being assembled at the site next-door. There will be an armoring layer over 2 feet of sand.

#### Willamette River Cleanup Authority Update

Dick Pedersen of the DEQ spoke. He is the Administrator for DEQ for the NW Region. He went over the composition of the Authority. He said it can bring money to the site cleanup through the legislature. The board was appointed in early 2004, so they haven't met yet. Their first meeting will be announced to the CAG. DEQ is providing support to the WRCA while it has no budget.

OSPIRG objected to the Authority, as did the CAG. It is, however, an opportunity to educate the Governor and some Representatives.

In September, the CAG will discuss the Clean Water Act, TMDL, and the City of Portland's role. Jane suggested someone from the Northwest Environmental Defense Council at Lewis & Clark, and Willamette Riverkeeper.

Jim Anderson talked about the BP Oracle cleanup.

There will be a Superfund Fair on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned by Robin Plance.